

April Highlights

Sutton Addresses Joint PTA Meeting April 12 on School Problems

Dr. William A. Sutton, nationally known lecturer, will talk to Junior and Senior High parents next Monday when the high school plays host to a joint meeting of the two P.T.A. groups. Dr. Sutton is a past president of NEA and former Superintendent of Schools of Atlanta, Georgia. At present he is an advisor of the *Reader's Digest*. Mr. Reynold Ellis of the A Capella Choir and Mr. Paul L. Schneider of the Junior High Band, whose groups are scheduled to provide music for the assembled parents, each promise a magnificent program. The meeting will be followed by a social hour.

Credit for P.T.A. meetings during the past year goes to the officers: president, Mrs. H. A. Erf; vice president, Mrs. B. H. Davis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. I. Millard; recording secretary, Mrs. L. S. Holler; council representative, Mrs. C. S. Higley; and treasurer, Mr. G. H. Reinbrecht.

Coach Breitenstein's Boys Hold Glove Tournament Finals April 16

Coach Robert Breitenstein's proponents of the manly art of self defense will hold their final boxing eliminations the night of Friday, April 16, in the boys' gym, with semi-finals the afternoon of the 14th. Admission of 50 cents will be charged. The proceeds will go three ways: one-third to the *Shakerite*, one-third to the "S" Club, and one-third to the Memorial Track Record Board.

Here is the list of boys registered as of April 1: Soukup, Guimares, Cort, Method, Rauh, Greiner, Skeel, Polizzi, Greenspun, Cover, Eisner, Klein, Baker, Mahrer, Viny, Eisenberg, Schaffer, Santa Maria, Janson, Brennan, Miff, Galier, Zagara, Kichler, Worthington, Cianciola, Relyea, San Filippo, Seasholes, Madison, Kisk, Bruner, Thraillkill, McDonald, Bovington, Cianciola (Mike), Kaufman, Kreiger, Sackett, Sturgis, McGean, Elliott, Kaufman (Ed), Barris, Kyman, Spath, Lager, and Wacks.

LEL Speech Finals April 16

The final round of L. E. L. Speech Contests, this time in the form of panel discussions, will be held at Lorain April 16. Each school will send four discussants and one moderator, Shaker's moderator being Jim Davis. Judges will choose six outstanding participants. This top six will broadcast over WTAM near the end of April on the topic "Teen Aged in a Troubled World."

LEL Band Festival April 16

Next Friday the Shaker Band will head for Heights High for its annual Lake Erie League Festival. Fifteen musicians will represent Shaker in the Mass Band which will perform at 8:00 p. m. (tickets 50 cents) in the Heights auditorium, and the whole band will play two pieces during the afternoon.

Tippy Dye, OSU Cage Coach, Talks at Winter Sports Banquet April 22

With Tippy Dye, head cage coach of Ohio State, as their featured speaker of the evening, proud Shaker parents will watch 51 Shaker athletes gain letters and numerals at the annual Winter Sports Banquet April 22. The dinner at 6:30 p. m. will be served by the Miriam Stage League.

Letter winners for basketball are Kolb, Hesche, Zweier, Laird, Danka Thraillkill, Roubush, Armstrong, Holler, Davis, Seidman, and Reinbrecht. Numerals: Brown, Banks, Davis, Steil, Seasholes, Leonetti, Elton, Farmer, Scott, Conant, and Kirk. Swimming letters: Cole, Colton, Cover, Hufferd, Ohmann, Rauh, Boyer, Brown, Fetterman, and Thomas. Numerals: Byrne, Houriet, Louis, Lindahl, and Matter. Wrestling letters: San Filippo, Jansen, Greiner, Galier, Klein, Greenberg, Matovich, Markt, Kreiger, and Buzzelli. Numerals: Janssen and Skaff.

Campaign Assembly April 26 Presents New Candidates for Council Offices

At the campaign assembly April 26 the following students will announce their candidacy for student council offices to be held next semester. For president: Hal Hanauer, Tod Kolb, Bill McConnell, and Ted Phipps. For vice president: Dick Gazley, Bob Maras, Babs Pavell, Jules Zoller, and Bill Zweier. For secretary: Ann Doyle, Herbert Farr, Marcia Higgins, Ann Prindle, Judy Soloway, Marian Tack, Clair Wallack, Judy Whaley, and Fleur Woods. The treasurer has already been appointed.

Tschaikovsky Lends Music for Shares Pageant April 30 in Shaker's Pool

The story: *The Forest Prince*, a tale of a Tartar band, led by Vaslav, the hero, fighting against the Czar and his love for Titiana, the heroine. The stars: Martha Leas as Titiana, Jane Pope as Vaslav, with a supporting cast of Martha Nelson as the Jester, Mary McCrory as Dimitrius, and Lorna Becker as the Czar.

The pageant, which has been in preparation since December, will spotlight spangled costumes and fluorescent lighting. It will run April 30 and May 1 at 8:00 p. m. Admission is 50 cents.

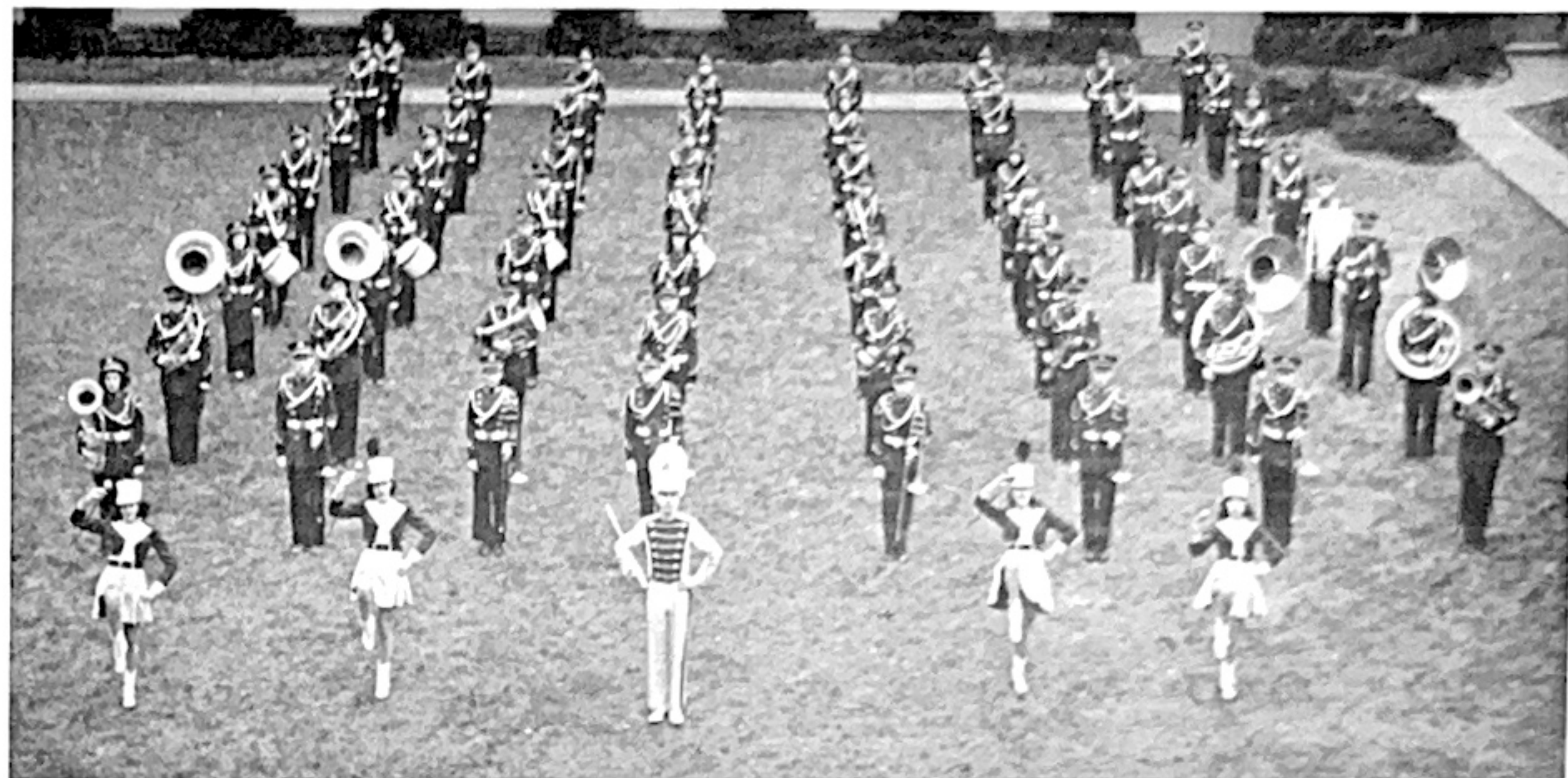
S.F.A.A. Shaker Talent Recital April 18

A recital in which each member will present two numbers ranks first on the April program of S.F.A.A., Shaker's music talent club. Scheduled for 4:00 p.m. April 18, this recital will be open to the public.

The Shakerite

An expression of student opinion

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Shaker High Band During Marching Season Last Fall.

Sabre Dance, Fox Smith's Singing Spark Band Concert Here Tonight

\$1000 is goal of ticket salesmen

The results of months of practice will flash across the auditorium stage at 8:00 p. m. tonight as Mr. Jack C. Booth leads the Shaker Heights High School Band in its annual Spring Concert. Highlighted by a band rendition of the *Saber Dance*, a piece by Khachaturian whose popularity is growing across the country, and vocalizing by Mr. Ralston Fox Smith, well known to all Shakerites who have ever attended the Red Raider Camps under his management, the evening's program also features a clarinet duet and a trumpet quartet.

L. E. L. numbers featured

Opening number is the *Egmont Overture*, by Beethoven. This number will also be played by the massed LEL Band and is transcribed from the orchestral version. The *Egmont Overture* is followed by the modern *Two Moods Overture* by Clara E. Grundman, which Mr. Booth likes to compare to a modern painting — symphonic splashes of color without traditional form. Third on the program is Paul Fauchet's *Symphony in B flat* — Finale, which has been arranged especially for band.

After a short intermission Fox Smith will sing *Yours Is My Heart Alone* by Lehar, *Sylvia* by Speaks, and *The Two Grenadiers* by Schumann. The Band will follow with a medley of Victor Herbert favorites. Then a trumpet quartet of Milton Neirgarth, John Carson, John Bonnar, and William Brunner will come to the front with *Always Onward*, a flashy piece by Gus Guentzel. William Hutchinson and Donald Seymour, the Band's clarinet duet, will follow with R. M. Endereson's short but difficult *Pepperino*. *Saber Dance* by Khachaturian and *Hora Staccato* by Dinicut-Heifetz, both popular student-appeal numbers, help finish up the concert which will close with Mr. Booth's favorite march, *Anchor Aweigh*. Possible encores include *Skywriters*, *Saber and Spurs*, *Thunder and Blazes*, and the *I. M. P. March*.

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This Is Too Deep for Me

By George Qua

Black Tube? Filters? Chlorine? Alum? Just a few of the things used to clean the swimming pool here at Shaker.

Every day the bottom of the pool is cleaned by using a long vacuum tube which takes up the hair and lint that is carried into the pool on swimming suits. Sometimes more interesting things are found like buttons, bandages, hairpins by the hundreds, parts of bathing caps, rubber bands, jewelry, and MONEY! Once a week the filters for this tube are cleaned and I wonder what happens to the money! By

overflowing the pool each day scum on top of the water is washed off into the scum gutters. Then, by cleaning the gutters and mopping the deck, the daily cleaning of the pool is completed. Each week the sides are scrubbed and the pool is checked by a health inspector.

A pump which pumps 10,000 gallons is used to draw water from the deep end of the pool into the filters. Here impurities are caught by running the water through sand in three large filter tanks. New water is added to take the place of water that is splashed out of the pool, and the old water is purified with chlorine and pumped back into the pool through four openings. This is a continuous operation, and the water in the pool is changed completely once in seven and a half hours or about three plus times a day. Once or twice a week, depending on the use of the pool, the filters are cleaned by forcing water through the filters in an opposite direction and draining off the impurities that have collected. This process is known as "backwashing."

Alum is used to clear the water and to combine with the impurities, making them settle to the bottom. A powder is used to suspend the chlorine in the water. The acidity of the pool is controlled by a solution known as "Ph."

Treasurer Chosen

Was it an algebra test? No. Was it a history test? No. It was a treasurer test that Mr. L. R. Thraillkill gave on Tuesday, March 16, to determine Shaker's student council treasurer for the next semester. That treasurer is Jim Sears.

The nine candidates for this position were permitted a period of study before the examination was given. Then all were given pencil and paper and told to "dig in." According to established custom, Jim will finish this semester in the capacity of assistant treasurer to B. J. Adelson. When school resumes again next September Jim will have had the necessary experience and will be able to assume the full burden of the treasurership.



In Self Defense

By Loudon

Hold this paper at arm's length and squint through both eyes. Does it look different? Different from last issue? Radical changes have taken place in the paper's makeup this issue which you, as a *Shakerite* stockholder, should be aware of. What, you're not a stockholder? Remember your budget-book investment.

In this issue all bylines appear at the top of their article instead of at the bottom as in other issues. Important words in headlines are capitalized for the first time in years. All rocket headlines are abolished. All articles start with paragraphs, as in the *Plain Dealer* and other civilized publications.

Is that good? That's what we want to know. Here is your chance to see your name in print without getting run over or doing something equally spectacular. Merely mail all comments on the new makeup to the editor of the *Shakerite*, c/o Shaker Heights High School. All printable comments will be printed, honest! Include all other gripes about the paper. We'll be hearing from you!

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Shaker to CARE for Europe; Andrica Speaks

Shaker Heights High School will finance CARE packages for the relief of needy Europe in a drive during the week of May 3-7. Students will have a chance to contribute to this unusually worthy cause both in the homerooms and the cafeteria lunch line, where boxes will be placed. An assembly will be presented sometime during the week which will feature Theodore Andrica, noted Cleveland Press columnist. A film on the work done by CARE is expected to be shown. Since the end of the war, Mr. Andrica has made several trips through the most devastated parts of Europe and has brought back colored films of his journey.

Seniors Give Thanks for College Board Cramming

Though the ordeal is over now, many Seniors still remember that, several weeks ago, when the bell sounded at 3:25 for some students to go home, it sounded for them to gather up their books and go to another class. These students were preparing for the crucial College Board Examinations, which were held at Western Reserve University and Cleveland Heights High School last Wednesday and will be administered again sometime in May. Often college acceptance for the nervous Seniors depended on the results of these nationwide tests.

Students in the classes attempted to pack into several weeks work the remainder of a year's course. They did homework for them, reviewed a year of math in two weeks, and took multitudinous practice tests in preparation. Some College Board reviews were held during school hours in regular class periods such as Latin and English. Miss Gail Wickwire and Dr. M. Evelyn Dilley included in their regular schedule different items and points of review that would aid the students taking the exams. The rest convened after school one afternoon a week. Other teachers were Wayne French, chemistry; Miss Mildred Nichol, Spanish; L. R. Thrailkill, social studies, and Miss Alma Bowen, mathematics.

Gym Class Noses Out Facts Of Startling New Exercise

By Allan Schwartzburg

Just call me "the Mole."

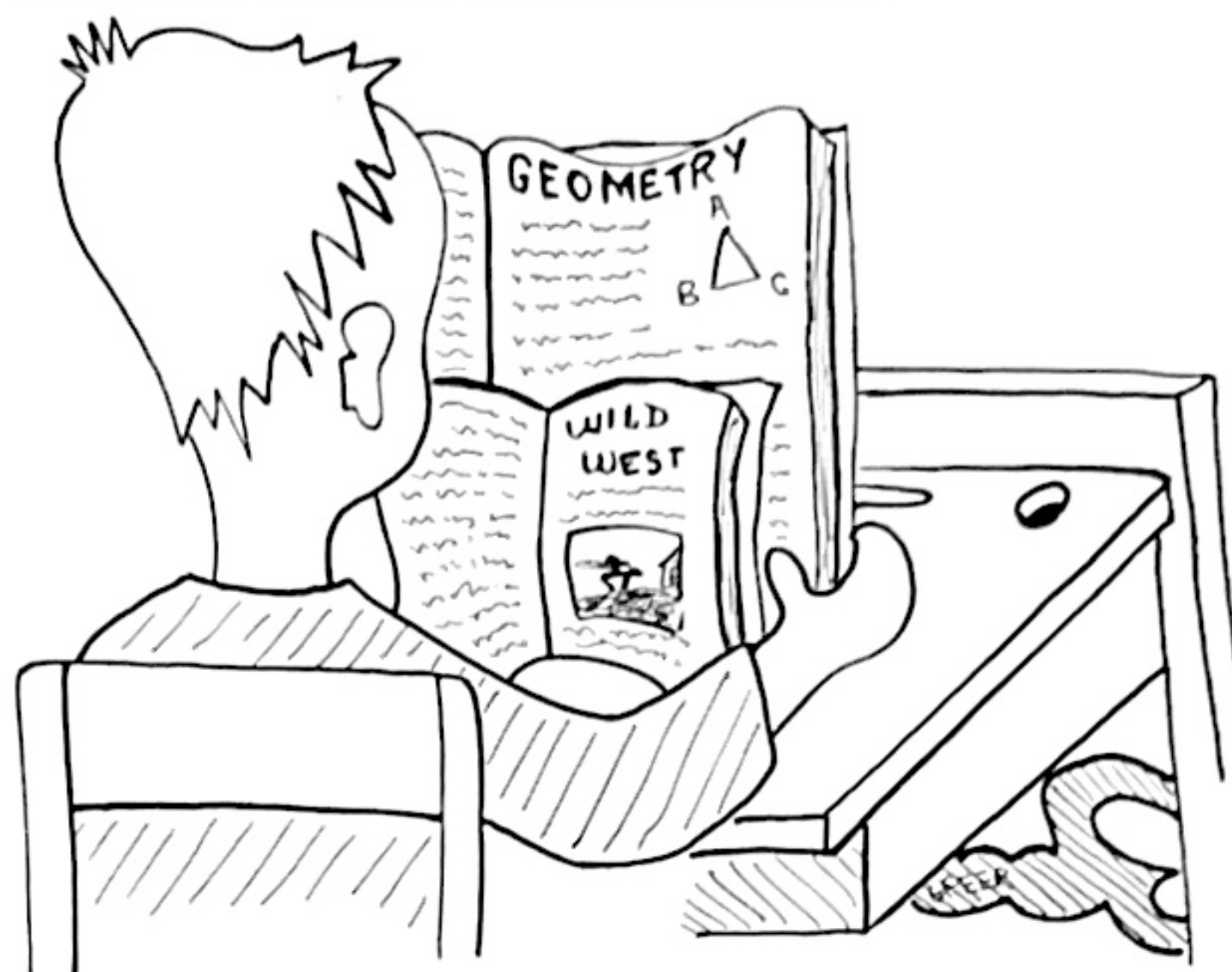
When Howard Moritz, head of the Physical Education Department, directed the relay teams of our gym class to push a basketball across the gym floor with their noses, it marked a new high—or is it low—in the gym exercises devised by Mr. Moritz and his cohorts.

The exercise is simple. (Yes, that's what the man said.) The boys simply bent down on their hands and knees and shoved the basketball down the length of the floor with their noses. For some who were equipped by nature, this was quite easy. But the others had to struggle furiously, jabbing their heads at the elusive target. When they missed the ball, they scraped the floor instead. According to Jeff King, Don Wohl, John Sturgis, Jack Smoots, Bill Eisenberg, and Jules Zaller, this exercise is excellent for cleaning the floor.

Previous to this startling innovation, Mr. Moritz and John Paul Stark, swimming coach, had ordered the boys to climb walls, to crawl under tables and chairs, to have a tug-of-war minus the rope, and to scramble madly for the one basketball in the gym.

One of the relays was particularly amusing. Two boys from each team dragged a blocking dummy underneath a table in the middle of the floor. Naturally all of them could not fit under the table at once, and you can take the story from there. Much pushing, scrambling, and shoving ensued as members of the various teams rushed to the side of their teammates. Among the scrappiest of these were Jim Church, Phil Levitt, Bob Nathanson, and Hank Seasholes.

With the coming of Spring, Mr. Moritz plans to abandon this system of exercises and commence outdoor baseball. However, before this program begins, physical efficiency tests must be taken. They include chins, parallel bar dips, running the obstacle course, the 300 yard "dash," the 100 yard carry, and sit ups. Oh my aching back!



"THE INSIDE STORY"

Credit to Nick Greer

Shakerites Edit 'Shakerite'; Favorite Gripes Revealed

What would be some of the changes you would make if you were to be editor of "The Shakerite" for the duration of one issue? Many responses such as "I would fire the present staff" can not be printed herein. However, after a little thought, Bill Gray decided on more cartoons and clearer headlines. "How about the headline in the last issue which made a score on the sports page appear to be against us when, actually, we won?" he asked. Ronnie Allison stopped his work long enough to wish for more student life cartoons. Ronnie said that he thought something modeled after "The Week's Wash," but portraying student life and activities, should be a regular feature.

When Bill Madison was approached, he agreed that cartoons should be added and that headlines be streamlined, but he suggested that there be more coverage in action pictures of students. Susan Wey wished for more coverage of girls' sports. Lyn Ireland concurred with Sue and added improving the present method of headlining. Bob Teisher voted for more sports features and wider activity coverage. Kay Narten not only agreed with

Bob in wishing the staff would cover more fields (We could go out for track, maybe), but also suggested more humor in the articles.

By Frank Moore

Student Council Wilson High visits Council Meeting

Recently the officers of Wilson High School in Youngstown came to visit our school and to sit in on one of the Student Council meetings. They complimented the Council on its mechanics, the way its meeting was run, and the fact that nearly everybody participated in the discussions. They were also impressed by the fact that the students called L. R. Thrailkill "Uncle Bus." Wilson High has one more officer than Shaker does, a sergeant-at-arms. His duty is to keep order in the meeting and to toss anybody out who causes a disturbance.

Several items were brought up in the Council. The importance of the band concert to raise funds for raincoats was discussed. It was announced that tryouts for cheerleaders will be held in the latter part of April. Four boys and two girls are needed. The All-School Party in May, at which the Bobby-Sox Revue will be presented, was mentioned also.

Band Concert

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Stanford Gudin made over the electric sign in the lower hall which highlighted a strenuous advertising campaign. The \$1000 goal of this concert will go toward the purchase of uniform raincoats, trips to the LEL Festival, etc. General admission tickets are 50 cents, with patron tickets selling at \$5.00.

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Under the scalpel by Connie and Nancy M.D.'s*

I should be working
Like a beaver.
But I can't,
I've got spring fever.

Much to your sorrow, we survived the vacation and are here again!

• • • Spring fever seems to have caught up with all of us, and particularly with the following steadies: Rod Hunsaker—Lorna Becker; Harold Abell—Judy Relyea; Ronnie Bartholemew—Anne Prindle; John Sturgis—June Dickerson; Dorsey Worthington—Audrey Tomlinson; and Ken Lasker and Marcia McBride. The return of the alumni was awaited by many students. Among these were Carole Thomas, who welcomed home Brooke Calder, and Chuck Ohlrich, who was seen around town with Dozy Plunkett once more.

• • • Several of the boys spent a carefree few days out at Tim Rodebusch's cottage to celebrate spring vacation in a big way. They all returned home in good spirits.

• • • Mrs. Eva Mae Barrow attended a dance given by a club to which she belongs. She and her partner won a prize for waltzing and Mrs. Barrow was awarded a beautiful orchid which she proudly wore to school. Miss Catherine Schroeder was recently married to Mr. Carl Koenig, a graduate of Case School of Technology, and the couple will live in Ashtabula. Congratulations to them from all of us. Miss Jirousek will replace Mrs. Koenig in the office.

• • • The column is rather short this time because so many students went away during vacation. Anne Zimmerman went to Washington, Lorna Becker toured colleges, Joan Lytle visited her old friends in Toledo, Clark Moore and Larry Relyea hitch-hiked to Florida, and many other students including Sally Auer and Pat Hess are enjoying extended vacations in Florida.



Connie Wright



Nancy Brelsford

Otherwise the rest of us just spent the vacation eating and sleeping.

• • • Debatable Questions: Did Alice Schwenk enjoy the bus ride home from the Lake Erie League Choir Festival? Is Helen Krepps ever without a box of Kleenex? Does Lois Jacobson enjoy our column more than she used to? Will the boys at the Winter Sports Banquet show their gentleness by helping the girls of the Miriam Stage League clear the tables as they did before?

• • • We decided to do something novel this time, and, after much gruesome thinking, we finally assembled this couple composite for you. If you would like more of these composites, please submit your suggestions to one of us.

COUPLE COMPOSITE

| Girl | Boy |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jane Bellamy..... hair | Elwood Holman |
| Jane Frazer..... eyes | Tad Thoburn |
| Nancy Patterson..... smile | Jack Smoots |
| Dot Davis..... personality | Jack Sload |
| Mary Jo Gibbs..... character | Jerry Davis |
| Mary Jean Galvin..... clothes | Bill Morse |
| Lou Hannon..... figure | Anson Method |
| Lorna Becker..... sense of humor | Rod Hunsaker |
| Anne Zimmerman..... intelligence | Bob Loudon |
| Carl Higley..... good sportsmanship | Jack Bovington |
| Joan Rutherford..... athletic ability | Neal Heshe |
| Kay Briceland..... kindness | Ray Dacek |

• • • We wonder how long it will take the Editors to count all those tax stamps they have been calling for. Ex-Infantryman Dave Gleason is back in school after a year and a half in Korea and a hospital bed. The next play by the drama group will be the famous, the one and only "Charley's Aunt."

• • • A Bonanza! 11B Violet Alex, of homeroom 100, turned in all her tax stamps to the Shakerite at the brisk tune of \$636.89. What is more, they were all counted and sorted. "I had been collecting them since September," Violet said, "and was just hunting for a worthy cause." Her stamps will return over \$19 in cash from the state Bureau of Revenue. Tax stamps may be turned in either in the homerooms or at the Shakerite office.

* Mud Diggers.



Waiting for the call—Play Ball! are seven Shaker sluggers. From top to bottom: Neal Hesche, catch; Jack Holler, first base; Carl Schultz, pitch; Jerry Davis, second base; Dick Bridges, third base; Dick Danka, outfield; and Bob Laird, outfield.

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Hassler captures second in initial round of L.E.L.

Speech Contest at Western Reserve University. At this eighteenth annual Lake Erie League contest on March 11, Bill Hassler, representing Shaker's student body, spoke about the problem of the juvenile delinquent. His speech was prepared from first-hand information that he had gathered in visiting Cleveland's juvenile courts.

The second round of the speech contest was held at the Westlake Hotel on April 7 before the Lakewood Lions Club. On that night Bill was assigned a topic under "Home Life in America Today." He was then given two hours to prepare himself, in which time he wrote a six-minute speech on the subject chosen. The members of the club voted the contestants.

Elyria stars in first round

Six boys took part in the March 11 round of the eighteenth annual contest, placing as follows: Harold Kunkle, Jr. of Elyria, first; Bill Hassler of Shaker, second; Bruce Miller, Shaw, and Bill Huey, Lakewood, tied for third; David Kay, Cleveland Heights, fifth; and sixth was Stewart Jaffey of Lorain.

Bruce Miller's subject was "Should the Veto Be Abolished?" "The Case for (or against) Truman's Civil Rights Program" was assigned to David Kay. Bill Huey spoke on "Should Hollywood Be Investigated?" while Stewart Jaffey added to the discussion of Communism with "Should the Communist Party Be Suppressed?" "The Problem of the Adult Delinquent" was discussed by Bill Hassler and the program was concluded by Harold Kunkle's first place speech on "Does the Family Cause the Delinquent?"

The speakers were judged by the student members of the Reserve Rostrum.

John Cover

Red Cross Drive tops \$500

mark to set a new record for the school. Students dug deep and, although no specific goal was set, contributed a grand total of \$537.81. The drive was a success in that it bettered last year's total of \$430.00 and received the enthusiastic backing of the entire student body.

All rooms were 100 percent with the total contributions running from \$9.22 to \$30. The average contribution throughout the school was 60.8c, topping the 1947 average by 11.2c. Mrs. Ruth Caruthers' home room 211 was first with \$30 or an average of \$1.20 per person. A close second was brought in by Mr. Eugene Branson's 110 which gave an average of 97c to aggregate a total of \$25.12. Mrs. Harriet Strella's home room was third with \$23.

Several rooms are to be congratulated for their fine spirit in reaching their 100 percent goal before the drive officially commenced.

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Raiders Capture 5th in Arena Meet

Piling up 14½ points and scoring in nine of the twelve events, the Shaker Red Raiders captured fifth place in the Arena Indoor Scholastic Track Meet last Friday evening, in class B. Accounting for Shaker's only seconds were Lou Seidman, in the high jump, and the lightweight 880 relay team.

Capturing Shaker's only third was Elwood Holman in the 50-yard high hurdles. Holman also ran fifth in the 50-yard lows. Todd Kolb won fourth place in the shot put and also ran anchor man in the mile relay which won a fifth place. Three other fifths were accounted for by the two-mile relay team, and Jack Bovington, and John Kehres, in the 50-yard dash, and 880-yard dash respectively.

'Forest Prince' Is Water Pageant Them

"Forest Prince" is the story of Vaslav, who leads his one small band of Cossacks against the Tsar. His bands spread his influence throughout and are hunted down by the Russian army. Tatiana is kidnapped by Vaslav's army and although they are enemies they fall in love. Because the Cossacks are fighting along with the Russians against the Tartars, Vaslav is hailed prince of Russia. The friendship once again renewed between the Tartars and the Cossacks makes it possible for Tatiana and Vaslav to continue with their plans.

Rehearsals have been going on since January. The girls have done a wonderful job in organizing the different committees. The heads of committees are: Martha Leas, Production; Pat Doyle, Costumes; Lorna Becker, Lighting; Alice Schwenk, Music; Jane Pope, Publicity; Mary Farragher, Tickets and Programs; and Joan Rutherford, Property.

The costuming and lighting will be very effective this year. The colorful materials used will be fluorescent, in some formations, and to see a formation in fluorescent material will be most breath taking.

Our thanks is extended to Miss Burke for making it possible for the Shares Club to present this pageant on April 30th and May 1st at 8.00 p. m. Admission: 50c.

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Shaker trackmen in action: Shown above are: Elwood Holman, hurdling; Todd Kolb, running his leg of the mile relay; and Lou Seidman, high jumping. At the lower left is Coach Singer and Ronnie Bartholomew talking over his time. In the center are returning lettermen: Lou Seidman, Harvey Bingham, Todd Kolb, George Reinbrecht, John Kichres, and Elwood Holman.

Golf, Tennis Teams Sight Good Seasons

The Shaker golf team, with three returning lettermen and coached by Paul Stark, should especially rank in the class of champions. Last year the Red and White finished in a tie for first place with Lakewood in the Lake Erie League tournament. Three of the four boys who eased us into that tie for first are Dick Evans, Abe Lager, and Bill Zweir. With the help of Newman, a transfer from Heights, these boys ought to make the race a runaway in favor of Shaker, as the Rangers entire co-champion team has graduated.

The tennis team, with two lettermen back and some newcomers seems to be somewhat of a question mark. Returning lettermen are Dacek and Kichler. A former W. R. A. tennis candidate of an unknown quantity is Rod Hunsacker. A promising soph is Jim Brown, who worked hard to improve his game through the summer on the local courts. Other returning men are Morse and Bloomfield.

Thinclads Seek 33rd Consecutive Victory in Opener With Brush

Next Tuesday the Shaker trackmen will open their 1948 outdoor season against Brush on Shaker's track in hopes of running their string of dual and triangular victories to thirty-three. Ten days later the annual hilltop meet will be run at University School. Shaker has won this meet ten out of the nineteen times it has been run, and the Raiders have gone off with top honors for the past five years. Two years ago the Red and White set a new all-time high in scoring at the annual tri-school meet.

The following Tuesday, April 27, the Shaker team will try to prolong its string of dual victories against Shaw High. On May 1 Coach Singer will take his squad to the West Tech Relays, to meet with the best teams in greater Cleveland.

L.E.L. Meet to Be Big Event of the Year

May 8 will see the Lake Erie League Track Meet run on Shaker's track for the first time. This will be the big event of the track season as the Raiders will attempt to dethrone the reigning champions, Lakewood, and retake the cup they had two years ago. Other events on the Raider schedule include the district and the state meets. These will

be held on the 15 and 22 of May, respectively.

The "B" squad will have five meets this year, all on Shaker's track. The "B" schedule is as follows: April 16, Orange; April 21, Bedford and Maple Heights; April 26, Mayfield; May 13, Euclid Central; May 18, University School's "B" squad.

Kit Spencer

The 1948 schedule is as follows:

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|----------|-------------------------------|
| April 13 | Brush High, here |
| April 23 | Hilltop Meet, University |
| April 27 | Shaw High, here |
| May 1 | West Tech Relays, West Tech |
| May 8 | Lake Erie League Meet, Shaker |
| May 15 | District Meet |
| May 22 | State Meet |

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Shaker Nine Opposes Lorain In L. E. L. Baseball Lid-Raiser

Hoping to cop the first title in the newly organized Lake Erie Baseball League, Coach Heinlen will take his diamond hopefuls to Lorain to face the Steelers in a league battle tomorrow afternoon. The week before spring vacation Coach Heinlen held his initial practice session with a word of caution to the headstrong and an outline of what he considered his starting team. Throwing hurt feelings to the winds, Coach Heinlen let his personal opinions of some of his diamond proteges be known, stating specifically what he expected of them and in what way he was depending on them.

Tentatively he outlined his team as: Carl Schultz, pitch; Neal Hesche, catch; Jack Holler, first base; Jerry Davis, second base; Troy Combs, shortstop; Dick Bridges, third base; and Jim Davis, Dick Danko, and Harold Abell in the outfield. However, he added that anyone who showed that he could hit might assure himself of a starting position. In other words hitting will top the list of essentials for making this year's squad.

Since the Red Raiders open their season tomorrow, practices have been no place for loafing, in fact, Coach Heinlen stressed hustle above all, declaring emphatically he had no place for loafers. During spring vacation practices were held twice daily with plenty of calisthenics, fundamentals, and hitting drills.

After Schultz, pitching is a ?

Jim Davis, who batted the ears off every pitcher he faced last summer, looks ready for another good season at the plate, while Carl Schultz, a boy with a fast ball to make Bob Feller jealous, seems eager to take up where he left off when hurling for the Shaker Merchants. However, with a heavy schedule coming up, after leaving Schultz the pitching scene is not so bright. Behind him are a number of question marks. Frank Leonetti did an excellent job in class E last summer and looks like the most promising hurler of the bunch. Bob Laird, a southpaw, should prove invaluable as a relief pitcher; Henry

Banks, a sophomore, is big and strong and with experience might develop into a pretty fair flogger; and Dave Emery, who needs plenty of work and coaching to bring out his potentialities, may help out.

Troy Combs, a transfer from Detroit Cranbrook, should aid the team immensely. Although small in size he has a sure pair of hands, a good arm, and is said to hit fairly well. But most important of all is his great competitive spirit, which may be just the factor needed to set the team rolling. And then if Jerry Davis can field; Holler, Hesche, and Abell hit, and if Danko's knee doesn't give out—well, keep your fingers crossed.

Furthermore, Coach Heinlen seems determined to set baseball on its feet here, for already he has conceived the idea of holding a few baseball dances and may be passing the hat at games to help finance the cost of the team.

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